

Draft Agenda
Lake Ozette Steering Committee Meeting

March 9, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Sekiu Community Center

Meeting Purpose: to bring the Steering Committee up to date on activities since the January 22, 2009 meeting, follow up and report back on subsequent changes to response to comments, hear research on Ozette Sockeye, hear about recovery plan implementation perspectives from different governmental representatives, and discuss next steps in Lake Ozette Sockeye Salmon Recovery Planning.

Time	Item	Materials
10:00 a.m.	Introductions, Review Agenda, and Announcements	
10:05 a.m.	Review and acceptance of January 22, 2009 meeting notes	- January 22, 2009 draft meeting summary
10:10 a.m.	Research presentation by Aaron Brooks, Univ. of Washington <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Title: <i>A Hydrological Assessment of Sockeye Spawning Habitat on Lake Ozette, WA</i>	
10:40 a.m.	Proposed Recovery Plan: follow up and report back from January Steering Committee meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on action items/inquiries from the Steering Committee	
11:00 a.m.	Implementation presentations & Working Lunch (note: we will break for 15 minutes at a presentation transition point for lunch, break, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction (Bob Wheeler)• Governor's Salmon Recovery Office• North Pacific Coast Lead Entity• Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership• Clallam County• Makah Nation• Quileute Tribe• Olympic National Park• Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife• Washington Department of Natural Resources• Washington Department of Ecology• Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary• Timber industry• Ozette landowners [<i>if desired</i>]• Interested citizens [<i>if desired</i>]• U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service• National Marine Fisheries Service	- Implementation discussion questions
2:00 p.m.	Steering Committee Discussion About Next Steps in Implementation	
3:25 p.m.	Next Steps	
3:30 p.m.	Adjourn	

Facilitator's Meeting Summary
Lake Ozette Sockeye Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Sekiu Community Hall
Sekiu, WA 98381

Meeting Purpose

The purposes of the meeting were to:

- Bring the Steering Committee up to date on activities since the January 22, 2009 meeting.
- Explore the next steps and responsibilities for implementing the Recovery Plan.

Introductions, Agenda Review, and Announcements

Meeting facilitator Bob Wheeler from Triangle Associates welcomed the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee went around the table and made introductions (see Attachment 1 for a list of attendees) and reviewed the agenda.

Discussion about NOAA Stimulus Funding

Nancy Allison with the Washington Coast Sustainable Partnership provided an update on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) stimulus funding and the request for proposals that had come out. She asked if a subcommittee of Steering Committee members would work together on a submission for funding recovery projects from the NOAA stimulus funding. Rich Osborn, Roy Morris, Thom Hooper, Tim Tynan, Pat Crain, and Harry Bell volunteered to be part of a subcommittee organized by Nancy Allison to explore stimulus funding.

Additional discussion items on this topic included:

- It was noted that the NOAA stimulus funding is different from typical state salmon recovery funding.
- The Steering Committee discussed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements regarding stimulus projects.
- A question was asked about if infrastructure replacement projects could be considered for the stimulus funding, and if a replacement culvert would count.
- A question was asked about stimulus funding and “shovel ready”. It was noted that “shovel ready” meant proposed projects need to be ready to start by August 1, 2009.
- Landowners would need to be notified for any projects. A request was made if all landowners could give their emails to Rich Osborn so they could be informed of North Pacific Coast Lead Entity (NPCLE) work.
- Bob Wheeler said that the Steering Committee email list is available for notifying property owners and others for projects, coordinating for stimulus funding, and other activities related to Lake Ozette sockeye salmon recovery.

Meeting Summary Review

The draft January 22, 2009 Steering Committee meeting summary was presented for review. The Steering Committee clarified and discussed content on page 9 regarding the second bullet that describes how funding can flow through the Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership (WCSSP). If a group identified a funding source for Lake Ozette sockeye recovery the funding could pass through the WCSSP.

The Steering Committee also discussed jurisdictional concerns related to how members of the WCSSP who were not involved in Lake Ozette sockeye salmon issues do or do not relate to Ozette sockeye recovery efforts.

Following the conversation, no changes or edits were suggested and the summary was approved.

Bob Wheeler reviewed the clarifications made to the April 29, 2008 Steering Committee meeting summary, which was approved at the January 29, 2009 Steering Committee meeting.

Research presentation by Aaron Brooks, University of Washington

University of Washington graduate student Aaron Brooks gave a PowerPoint presentation about his thesis research, titled “A Hydrological Assessment of Sockeye Spawning Habitat on Lake Ozette, WA.” Study questions included:

- How much suitable habitat exists for beach spawning sockeye around Lake Ozette?
- Is the quality of suitable beach spawning habitat detrimental to the egg to fry emergence survival in the Lake spawning aggregations?

Sites selected for the research included: Allen’s Beach, Olsen’s Beach, Umbrella Beach, and two beaches that resemble good quality spawning habitat.

Sampling included: sediment core samples (particle size analysis), dissolved oxygen levels, and temperature.

Following his presentation the Steering Committee asked the following questions:

- *Question:* Would this be a good project to conduct over many years to gather trends? Aaron Brooks replied that a longer research project would be beneficial and would provide better information regarding spawning habitat.
- *Comment:* Are the salmon helping to turnover gravel on the beaches, or is upwelling doing that? It was noted that gravel compaction might reduce upwelling and reduce dissolved oxygen levels, and that conducting some restoration work might prove beneficial.
- *Comment:* Some of the areas chosen for research in Lake Ozette indicate through water temperatures and low dissolved oxygen that groundwater upwelling is occurring.
- *Question:* What about bias in sampling dissolved oxygen? Aaron Brooks replied that he has not looked at potential biases in his sampling methods.
- *Question:* Do lake levels affect dissolved oxygen levels? Aaron Brooks responded that different conditions and lake depths could affect dissolved oxygen levels.
- Aaron Brooks said he would work with Pat Crain to distribute the presentation, and his thesis. The annual National Park report produced will also include a summary of his thesis work and findings will be available to the public.
- Aaron Brooks said he would be happy to pass out his the email to landowners.

Follow up and report back from January Steering Committee meeting

Rosemary Furfey provided an update about follow up comments from the January 29, 2009 Steering Committee meeting. She explained that NMFS has been responsible for writing the voluntary and non-regulatory recovery plan, and noted NMFS’s commitment to implementing the recovery plan. She underscored that NMFS is here to stay. She also reiterated that there would be no recovery actions carried out without the full support of participants and private landowners. She noted that throughout Oregon and Washington private landowners are key to implementation in recovering endangered or threatened salmon.

Rosemary Furfey reported that the final edits to the proposed Recovery Plan were being completed. The compendium recovery plan documents will be sent out to the Steering Committee

when possible. Rosemary Furfey explained that she would like to post the documents on both the NMFS and Clallam County websites.

Implementation presentations & Working Lunch

Bob Wheeler discussed implementation issues and what different groups would like to see in implementing the recovery plan. He walked the group through the questions posed to Steering Committee representatives who agreed to make a presentation to the Steering Committee on their role in implementation of the Lake Ozette sockeye salmon Recovery Plan. The speakers used the document titled, *Implementation discussion guide for presentations at Lake Ozette Steering Committee Meeting, March 2009* as a guide for their presentation. Please see Attachments 2a and 2b for the presentation content and discussions.

Steering Committee Discussion Regarding Implementation and Next Steps

Steering Committee members agreed to continue the Committee's efforts and asked for an implementation meeting in June 2009. The Steering Committee further agreed to ask WCSSP and volunteer co-leads to work together to hold a meeting. Organizations that offered to help lead the continuation of the Steering Committee effort included:

- Olympic National Park
- WCSSP
- Clallam County
- NMFS
- A suggestion was made to also invite the tribes to be co-leads.

The Steering Committee discussed the uncertainty in funding future meetings, and the importance of continuing the momentum with the group.

It was noted that Olympic National Park did not have funding identified for this process, but that the Park was willing to help coordinate and seek funding opportunities where available.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Bob Wheeler outlined the potential agenda items, which included:

- Review the published Final Recovery Plan
- Coordination amongst entities and developing a communication plan
- Discuss Steering Committee structure and what to accomplish for the future
- Discuss what implementation of the Recovery Plan looks like
 - Discuss the steps toward developing the Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation plan
- Discuss other planning efforts/programs that impact recovery plan implementation
 - OCNMS Management Plan Review
 - Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plan updates (and plans to possibly accelerate them)

Adjourn

Bob Wheeler thanked the Steering Committee for its input and adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Attachment 1: Meeting Participants

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